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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Confirmation No.: 8926

O'HAM

Group Art Unit: 1764

Appln. No.: 09/191,702

Examiner: J. LEUNG

Filed: November 13, 1998

For: APPARATUS FOR SEPARATION OF CONSTITUENTS FROM MATRICES

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Monday May 12, 2003

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for the separation of waste constituents from matrices, comprising:

- (i) a vessel having an interior for receiving matrices;
- (ii) a manifold for removal of gases emerging from said matrices, said manifold being positioned on top of said vessel; and
- (iii) a means for heating said interior;

wherein said vessel comprises one or more removable trays, said one or more removable trays comprising a bottom part and peripheral sidewalls extending therefrom, said bottom part

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